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Written Testimony of Mark Overmyer-Velázquez before the Connecticut General Assembly  
Education Committee, February 23, 2009 Testimony in Support of: HB 6496, An Act Concerning  
Green Cleaning in Schools

Good afternoon,

Senator Gaffey, Representative Fleischmann, and members of the Education Committee, my  
name is Mark Overmyer-Velázquez and my testimony is in support of "HB 6496". I am a father  
of two Smith School elementary students in West Hartford. I feel HB 6496 is important  
because I want green cleaning products in our schools to avoid dangerous chemical exposure  
to all our children.

Sincerely,

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